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SUBJECT: NEW EC COMMISSION

1. PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS PASSED TO ME BITS OF INFORMATION ON THE FORMATION OF THE NEW EC COMMISSION THAT MAY HELP ROUND OUT THE PCITURE.

2. TINDEMANS AGREED TO MAKE DAVIGNON AVAILABLE ON THE EXPLICIT CONDITION THAT DAVIGNON'S TALENTS BE USED APPROPRIATELY. TINDEMANS FEARS THAT THE FRENCH MAY MAKE TROUBLE BECAUSE, HE SAID, THEY HATE DAVIGNON. IF DAVIGNON DOES NOT GET EITHER THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR THE ENERGY PORTFOLIO, TINDEMANS MAY WELL WITHDRAW DAVIGNON'S NAME. TINDEMANS RAISED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH DAVIGNON BEFORE HE WAS FORMALLY NOMINATED AND IT WAS ACCEPTED BY HIM.

3. JENKINS ARGUED WITH SCHMIDT FOR BETTER GERMAN COMMISSIONERS. BUT SCHMIDT REPLIED WITH A FLAT NO. JENKINS WAS OUT OF SCHMIDT'S OFFICE WITHIN FIVE MINUTES. TINDEMANS DEPLORES SCHMIDT'S ATTITUDE AND TREATMENT OF JENKINS.

4. BARR, WANTING STRONG AND ABLE FRENCH EC COMMISSIONERS, INSISTED THAT ORTOLI AND CHEYSSON STAY ON. TINDEMANS THINKS HIGHLY OF BOTH MEN AND IS PLEASED THAT THEY WILL REMAIN. RENNER

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